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SUBJECT: ARE GIZENGA AND LUMUMBA RAISING ARMY IN SUDAN?

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SUMMARY. WASHINGTON POST REPORTER DAVID OTTAWAY TOLD EMBOFF THAT SUDANESE REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA CLAIM THAT ANTONIE GIZENGA AND MARTIN LUMUMBA ARE RAISING ARMY NEAR JUBA IN SOUTHERN SUDAN TO BE USED AGAINST ZAIRE. END SUMMARY.

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTER DAVID OTTAWAY (ESSENTIAL PORTECT SOURCE) STATES THAT SUDANESE REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA, INCLUDING FORMER MEMBER OF SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY (CF REFTTEL), CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN MARTIN LUMUMBA, SONE OF PATRICE LUMUMBA, AND ANTOINE GIZENGA IN JUBA. THE TWO ARE REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN RAISING AND TRAINING AN ARMY FROM AMONG LARGE EX-CONGO EXILE COMMUNITY TO BE USED
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AGAINST MOBUTU.

2. ACCORDING TO OTTAWAY'S SOURCES, BOTH MARTIN LUMUMBA AND PATRICE LUMUMBA'S OTHER (UNNAMED) SON WERE TRAINED IN CAIRO DURING MASSER REGIME WHERE THEY DEVELOPED CLOSE TIES WITH SOVIETS, WHO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THEM. GIZENGA HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS EXILE YEARS IN MOSCOW AND IS VIEWED AS SOVIET TOOL. OTTAWAY RECALLED THAT SOVIETS "UNLEASHED" GIVENGA IN BURSSELS DURING ANGOLA CIRSIS TO SERVE AS WARNING TO MOBUTU. OTTAWAY WAS TOLD THAT LUMUMBA/GIZENGA FORCES MAY COORDINATE ANTI-MOBUTU ACTION WITH THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (GROUP NEAR ZAIRE/TANZANIA BORDER WHO KIDNAPPED THREE AMERICANS) AND POSSIBLY WITH MPLA, SHOULD MOBUTU NOT REACH SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT WITH LATTER. NUMEIRI, FOR HIS PART, IS THOUGHT TO TOLERATE THIS ACTIVITY AS PRICE HE MUST PAY FOR CONTINUED SPACE PARTS FOR HIS SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

3. COMMENT: OTTAWAY INFORMED US OF THE FOREGOING AND ASKED US TO PASS IT TO EMBASSY KHARTOUM. HE FEELS THAT THE STORY IS PLAUSIBLE, EVEN POSSIBLE. HE DOESN'T COMPLETELY TRUST ANYANYA REFUGEES, HOWEVER, AND THEREFORE INTENDS TO HOLD PUBLICATION OF STORY UNTIL HE GETS SOME CONFIRMATION.

4. FOR KHARTOUM: WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION ON SUBJECT WHICH KHARTOUM MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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